

King records

HW - notes on CIA material released to J.L. and received from him 6/5/78

Justification of withholding is in "Document Disposition Index" over by 5/26/78

affidavit of Robert W. Gambino

S-1 April 1965 - King and Nobel prize

No major press coverage of departure, some reference to foreign press coverage and party with him. "Rustin" handprinted at bottom of page. Part of right margin note lost in xeroxing.

Entirely domestic

- S-2 1967 Magazine? article - King and others "speak on the war in Vietnam" 1967
4/24/67 S-3 FBIS - King on Viet Nam
9-27-67 S-4 FBIS on Peter John Lee (Peter John Young), fugitive "entered Nicaragua with a false passport issued by the same organization that furnished the one used by Dr. Martin Luther King's murderer."
9/6/68 S-5 Pravda on Garrison and Charles Stephens. FBIS
Undated S-6 Poor Peoples Campaign flyer, Philadelphia
" S-7 Action on assassination and Poor People's Campaign
" S-8 Announcement of prayer
5-9-67 S-9 Draft of "Vietnam Summer" 129 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. 12138; (also in 467849 apparently)
Undated S-10 unsigned, uncredited, incomplete memo on post card and picture to McCone from John Birch Society.
At least first or cover page missing.
Deals with King at Highlander Folk School
11-29-75 S-11 (Masked) of Security Analysis Group to its Chief, "Subject: Martin Luther King - #353 062"
"... No evidence that the Office of Security has ever conducted any investigation, including wiretaps, surveillance, mail cover or field investigation regarding listed subjects. No inquiry was made outside the Office of Security and no DDO records were reviewed or checked."

Notes:

1. This seems to limit to domestic and to avoid where mail intercepts had been sent as well as where they were conducted.
2. No list attached.
3. Not responsive to attached handwritten note on ruled pad signed by (masked) of "I G Staff" which is addressed "Cstaff - Office of Security." It says "Director wishes to learn whether Dr. Martin Luther King was ever surveilled or reported on - while outside of the U.S. (emphasis added) - under the CHAOS program." This/limit DCI's inquiry to 1) CHAOS and 2) external. Why this limit? Did he have answer on domestic non-CHAOS? Rest of note reads "Also whether there is any record of any mail interception ~~after~~ either to or from Dr. Martin Luther King. ASAP" Then signed.

This copy of something that had a 2-hole punch at the top and was attached to another record because upper left corner shows it was bent back in xeroxing. This relates to both pages. Also some notations on top of pages lost in xeroxing. There were other pages or another page. This is visible in xeroxing - or not all provided. Is "DDO" Deputy Director Operations? If so, we want a check of those files. On this we want a list of places searched and time/cost on each.

12/11/67 S-12 "SRS FILE COPY" memo for Deputy Director for Support on subject "Threat to CIA by some 'Black Power' Elements" signed by Howard J. Osborn as Director of Security. Lists as attachment "Tabs A, B, C." Nothing with tab attached. One page is copied from something else from the pagination. "A-23" (or 28). Not clear enough to be certain. Upper half is a picture. Bottom is a note that seems to be a caption of right-wing literature.

3/15/68 S-13 To Deputy Director Support from Acting Director of Security on "The
Bring in Militants: An Up-date on the Black Power Threat." Refers to S-12 in
King on manner indicating what is withheld in S-12 - "I advised you of the
Poor Peoples results of inquiries with the" FBI "and the review of existing materials
Campaign in"O.S. on "militant'Black Power'organizations and personalities."

Cont'd S-13 There is no classification, no indicated claim to any exemption but bottom third of page 2 and two places equal to one-half of page 3 are obliterated.

Page 4 concludes "attachments as stated." Text does not state any attachment unless where obliterated and nothing is attached.

3-27-68 S-14 Osborn to Deputy Director Support. Not classified but most of page 1 and all but last 3 lines of page 2 withheld. Subject "Potential for Civil Disturbance" in D.C. summer 1968. Only first paragraph on page 1 remains. It refers to S-14, and says "since that time we have received two excellent studies" from FBI re extremists and possibility of civil disturbance in DC. ~~XXXXXX~~ This is all that remains except the concluding promise to keep DDS informed. Again says "attachments as stated" and none attached.

11/1/67 S-15 Right-wing leaflet against King

3/6/70 S-16 Memo for Record, subject masked, no claim to any exemption but all but parts of 77 lines obliterated, including signatory and part of CIA originator memo. Refers CP control over King.

3-10-65 S-17 Reliable source on 1964 FBI pressures on King, much withheld, including name. Space fits Wilkins. Not classified. no exemption claimed.

8/12-69 S-18 FBIS, China. Casual reference to King as nonviolent in ^{Guynsterism} "Gantersterism in U.S. Shielded by Officials." If this kind of crap is filed and kept, what is not kept under King?

2/26/65 S-19 "Notes Made During Conversation with ----- in New York City
Not
classified. 26 February 1965. Of the one page provided there are 8 numbered paragraphs of which six and signatory entirely obliterated. What remains of 6 is "----- according to (⁴ letters) has bankrolled 'CHICK' (?) as well as Martin Luther King possibly and probably with -----" (rest of paragraph withheld. What remains of 8 is "8. Source states Martin Luther King is -----" All the rest obliterated. Name in 6 is 4

16 letters.

5-11-65 S-20 One page. Not classified. No claim to exemption. Signatory and name of person with whom he had conversation that morning both obliterated, as is all rest of paragraph numbered 1. Name in paragraphs 2 and 3 "Wilkins" fits all spaces in 2, 3, 4. Fear King will be assassinated.

6-9=65 s_21
Not
classified.
No exemption
claimed
Much
withheld

p.1 9-page memo, signatory obliterated, to Chief, Security Research Staff. Subject obliterated but apparently a name from what is under it still under "Subject." "(Conversation with 8 June 1965, Washington D.C.)" "Mr. Randolph" fits one space which does not mean it was A. Phillip Randolph. Whoever it was had been an informant for CIA through "SRS officers" plural. But chief, SRS (Security Research Staff) decided to have him inform to FBI in NYC. He did not want to on ground "the Civil Rights movement should be regarded as being an international situation because of the Communist directed infiltration into the movement, and that he felt in some respects that he was being 'down graded' by being used as a source by the FBI and not in a higher echelon of Government."

p.2 "Did not absolutely refuse to cooperate with Bureau" Most of 2 and

p.3 top 3 masked. Roy Wilkins fits into what exists, 12 spaces, but it seems *awkward (?)* However, first remaining line on page 3 has more space at end than "Mr" and beginning next line there are seven masked spaces, which Wilkins similar situation 4 lines up. This guy is paragoild on "reds."

p.4 From context can this be a white man? Someone of six letters filled in by FBI on King. All black leaders knew of FBI's stuff.

p.5 He gave the CIA a list of "the top Negro leaders that he was in contact with and ... their relationships one to another." About 12 lines obliterated here. Next mentions "those of the greater strength and opposed to King." About one line obliterated. One whose name is of 10 letters is "the brightest, shrewdest and cleverest of all" but "had no popular or grass roots following"

p.6 DJ not only FBI leaning on blacks to "dump" King. Many details, names withheld.

p.7 Chicom reference, in paranoid, irrational context onto 8

p.9 will stay in touch

7-7-65 S-22 Chief SRS to "Chief, Liaison & External Ops Branch/SRS" by "MA" but signature masked, on phone conversation on 7//5 & 6. More on Peking reds taking blacks over. Not classified, no exemptions claimed but withholding.

Apparently same guy because this concludes by saying "he would talk to the FBI concernigg this in New York City nd would continue to keep us informed."

7/21/65 S-23 Not classified. No exemption claimed but all of 2 and 3 and most of 1 withheld. What remains is same crazy Peking red control of King line.

2/8/68 S-24 Deals with source & Belafonte and King's friends. ^(as in 3 spaces in name) 3 has this source represented by 3 spaces only is style of 2 blanks after number and period is followed, speculating "who leaked the information that he supplied to us that the funds source was from the Chicoms." This is followed by the only reference to source not at beginning of paragraph - 3 spaces.

Signatory and unit masked, as is subject, before and after "REPORT FROM."

It is memo to Chief, Security Research Staff.

Withholding

There has been no record reporting any such leak.

5/3/68 S-25 3-letter source, masking after "REPORT FROM", to Chief, Security Research

Staff. 10 letters called 3 letters after assassination. This is even

Not classified
no exemption
claimed
*on this but not
money - see
affidavits*
nasty over LBJ's sympathy calls to Negro leaders ("is misinformed in matters of this delicacy"). Refers to 7 letters, 7 can be identified by 3, which has him telling 12 letters to have LBJ issue proclamation to "make this weekend one of silent prayer."

4/8/68 S-26 Subject masked before and after "REPORT FROM: to Chief, Security Research

Not classified
Staff. Signatory and unit masked.

No exemptions
1. Hides what blanked called that morning to thank him for

claimed
Refers to blank as "under strong discipline" also King and several others. Wants not FBI "task force be established" but one "by the

entire intelligence community to cover (9 letters) from now on in which should develop the intelligence that (9 letters) Martin Luther King and (9 letters) have for years been the willing tools of Peking."

3-29-68 S-27 To Director, FBI, Attention (Obliterated), subject, "Martin Luther King, Jr."
Not subject (Obliterated) for Osborn "attachments as stated" but no attachments to withholding here. Initials writer "OS/SRS(masked). pjh 26 March 1968.
FBI official Masks name of source on Poor People's Campaign. Refers to JEH's 3/11 not classified and 3/12/68 studies.
No exemption claimed Clear domestic intelligence on domestic activity partly obliterated but throughout. Attachments are "materials provided the source."
12/12/75 S-28 (obliterated) of Security Analysis Group did this "Memorandum for the Record" on "Subject:" James Earl Ray" with #541 245, Church committee asked "for a file check." After reference to State cables on ~~xxx~~ extradition, rest of paragraph 2 withheld (Not classified, no exemption claimed.)
Initials signatory JMR

This is followed by Robert E. Owen's affidavit with Document Deposition Index.

(I skipped court papers prior to above S numbered records.)